

WYCOMBE FIGHT WAY THROUGH

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers went into the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup with a 5-0 victory over Aylesbury United, despite the fact that five of the Wanderers senior players are on the injured list.

Aylesbury: Blakeman; Bradshaw, McHardy; Hare, Wright, Gilmoor; Wilson, Seymour, Howlett, Miller, Butt. Substitute: Hart.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Rundle, Gale, Baker, Faulkner, Samuels; Worley, Bates, Busby, Horseman, Merrick. Substitute: Priestley.

Referee: J. Christopher (Harwell).

Wycombe took the lead after 11 minutes when **HORSEMAN** seized on a chance in mid-field and ran through to beat Blakeman with a well-placed shot.

As the Wanderers warmed to their work, accurate long passing by the forwards often had the Aylesbury backs in trouble, but marksmanship was often erratic.

Blakeman saved Aylesbury again with another fine clearance from a header by Bates. But Wycombe also had a narrow escape when Howlett was allowed to run through from an offside position to give Miller an easy chance. Maskell, however, managed to block his shot with his foot.

Almost immediately afterwards **WORLEY** ran through on the right to increase the Wanderers' lead with a left-

foot hooked shot which deceived Blakeman.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 2, Aylesbury 0.

Aylesbury goal was still under hot pressure again in the second half and Blakeman twice made good clearances before **MERRICK**, running into the middle, increased Wycombe's lead, nodding home a left-wing cross from Bates.

Wilson missed a good chance in a breakaway but the Aylesbury attack lacked both sting and sustained support.

Wycombe swept back again and added another goal when Bates crossed the ball for **SAMUELS** to deceive the unhappy Blakeman with a long-range drive 11 minutes after the restart.

Wycombe were now in total command with Aylesbury restricted to infrequent breaks and Blakeman had an 'anxious' time in the Aylesbury goal.

HORSEMAN, always a menace to the Aylesbury defence, twice missed narrowly before he added a fifth for Wycombe 12 minutes before the end.

RESULT

AYLESBURY 0
WYCOMBE WANDS. ... 5

WYCOMBE'S EASY PATH TO FINAL

Aylesbury 0 Wycombe 5

WYCOMBE pitchforked Aylesbury out of this Berkshire and Buckinghamshire senior Cup semi-final with a display of class football.

In the first half of the game, which was played at Marlow, much of Aylesbury's football was as good as Wycombe's, but their attacks lacked penetration.

By contrast Wycombe always blended thrust with their well controlled movements.

Wycombe became one up after 10 minutes. Horseman taking advantage of a succession of opponents' errors, Miller, Aylesbury's tricky inside forward, had a fine chance to equalise but shot straight at 'keeper Maskell.

Soon afterwards, Worley, whose right-wing craft was a great asset to Wycombe, added to their lead (34min.).

Wycombe were always well on top in the second half. Aylesbury were often under strong pressure and could only pinprick Wycombe's defence—never having a dangerous shot.

Merrick made it 3-0 with a header (48min.) and Samuels got the fourth with a drive from just outside the penalty area (55min.).

Wilson missed a good chance for Aylesbury, but the game became even more one-sided and Horseman scored the fifth goal 12 minutes from the end.